Secondly, a very legitimate question that arises is whether you import only to help the hoarders, racketeers and profiteers. If you have a policy for the essential commodities, why don't you have the same policy for other essential products also ? ....(*Interruptions*)....

SHRI TARUN GOGOI : Yes, Sir. It is a fact that procurement of wheat was 7.75 million tonnes, in the previous year it was 11 07 million tonnes. When the market price is higher than the support price.... (*Interruptions*)..... the farmers are not compelled to sell.....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE : Was the support price lower than the market price when you procured ?...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI TARUN GOGOI : Last time, the market price was much higher all along than our support price. So, we could not compel the farmers to sell at that price...*Interruptions*)...

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE : Then it could have been purchased in the free market (*Interruptions*)....

SHRI TARUN GOGOI : You cannot buy in the free market. It is the policy of the Government.. (*Interruptions*)....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Trivedi.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Sir, I am really confused. I do not know why something has been exported and then again imported. The darkness that was there in the House was not merely symbolic. We are all in the dark. It is really a serious matter. One of the reasons why we are strong today is because we are self sufficient in food production which has been our basic foundation. This is what the Nehruvian model is. What I am worried about is that the honourable Minister has said that food-grains production has declined. May I think the Minister whether one of the reasons is your 'open door" policy ? I am all for it as long as the benefits reach the right people (*Interruptions*). ..

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please put your question.

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : I am coming to my question now. You have allowed, for example., Pepsi-Cola. They are involved in our agricultural production. Is it because they are producing more potatoes instead of wheat ? Is not that the reason why, wheat production is going down ?.... (*Interruption*).....

SHRI TARUN GOGOI : Sir, it has nothing to do with our pclicy. This year, Sir, there was more pressure on wheat because of the decline in coarse grains..... (*Interruptions*)..

SHRI DENESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Why was there a decline ?..... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI TARUN GOGOI : There was a decline of 4 million tonnes in coarse grains and there was a decline in the Kharif crop of rice also. Therefore, there was more pressure on wheat.... ..(*Interruptions*)....

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : You have not answered my main question. Is it because of the fact that more potatoes are being grown instead of wheat ? Is it because of that the production has come down? ....(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI TARUN GOGOI : About potatoes and other things, I cannot answer. The agriculture Minister is here and he can answer that question.. ..(*Interruptions*)..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, Mr. Jagesh Desai.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI : Sir, what was the reason for the Government or the FCI releasing six lakhs tonnes to the private sector and why the prices have not come down ? I am very happy now that our Prime Minister decided that no further export of *basmati* rice would be allowed. This is a very senstitive subject. I would like to knoew whether the Government will see to it that in furure they do not sell wheat in the private sector, but offer it only to the PDS.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Shifting of Offices under the N.C.R. Plan

*64. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in shifting various Central Government

Offices of the various Public Sector Undertakings located in Delhi to the ring satellite towns included in the National Capital Region Plan ;

(b) the total expenditure incurred on the development of these towns, particularly those in Rajasthan; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to expedite action in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Following three offices have shifted outside Delhi :

1. Postel Staff College to Ghaziabad in April, 1990.

2. National Labour Institute to NOIDA in June, 1990.

3. National Vocational Training Institute to NOIDA in January 1991.

No public Sector Undertaking has however, shifted so far.

(b) Details of expenditure incurred on scheme approved by the N.C.R. Planning Board as on 10.2.1992 are given in the statement. (*see below*) .

(c) The Government Office / Ministries concerned with the Public Sector Undertakings have been advised to expedite shifting of the indentified offices out of Delhi.

Statement

Scheme Approved by the National Capital Region Planning Board as on 10.2.1992.

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of State	Town	Total Exp. incurred on Schemes approved by the NCR Planning Board.	Total expenditure for the State
Haryana	Panipat	1145.97	5031.97
	Gurgaon	3886.00	
Rajasthan	Alwar	1313.37	1953.82
	Bhiwadi	640.45	
Uttar Pradesh	Meerut	7397.91	
	Bulandshare & Khurja	10.00	
	Hapur	217.79	7625.70
		Total	14611.49

Decontrol of Iron and Steel Prices

*65. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decontrolled the prices of iron and steel in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the likely impact thereof on the economy ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that following the decontrol, the prices of iron and steel have gone up resulting in adverse effect on the developmental activities in the country ; and

(d) if so, what measures are being taken by Government in this regard ?